



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE TEACHERS THROUGH PROPER TEACHER EVALUATION, TEACHER DEVELOPMENT, AND TEACHER HIRING PRACTICES

*WHEREAS,* Parents, students, community stakeholders, and national education experts took part in a seven and a half hour City Council Committee on Education hearing held on September 28, 2010 (the "Hearing") expressing their priorities and recommendations for the upcoming contract between the Boston Public Schools ("BPS") and the Boston Teachers Union ("BTU"); and,

*WHEREAS,* Many issues were raised at the Hearing including the importance of effective teachers who are developed and held accountable through proper teacher evaluation, teacher development, and teacher hiring practices; and,

*WHEREAS,* Effective teachers are the most critical in-school component to raising student achievement, closing the equity, access, and achievement gap, improving the graduation rate, lowering the dropout rate, and providing a quality education for all students; and,

*WHEREAS,* Parents, students, and community stakeholders have made it clear that they desire changes to be made to BPS practices related to developing effective teachers, including better teacher evaluation practices.

*THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED,*

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the importance of teacher effectiveness, teacher evaluation, teacher support, and teacher development in the Boston Public Schools. The Superintendent and other representatives from Boston Public Schools and Boston Teachers Union shall be asked to attend.

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